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VETERANS-RELATED LEGISLATION INTRODUCED IN THE U.S. SENATE

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1. H.R. 801

Sponsor: Rep Smith, Christopher H.

Latest Title: To amend title 38, United States Code, to improve programs of educational assistance, to expand programs of transition assistance and outreach to departing servicemembers, veterans, and dependents, to increase burial benefits, to provide for family coverage under Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance, and for other purposes.

Latest Major Action: 3/28/2001. Referred to Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

2. H.R. 811

Sponsor: Rep Smith, Christopher H.

Latest Title: To authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out construction projects for the purpose of improving, renovating, and updating patient care facilities at Department of Veterans Affairs medical centers.

Latest Major Action: 3/28/2001. Referred to Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

3. S. RES. 52

Sponsor: Sen Specter, Arlen

Latest Title: An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

Latest Major Action: 3/8/2001. Senate Committee on Rules and Administration.
Committee/Subcommittee actions.

4. S. RES. 61

Sponsor: Sen Hutchinson, Y. Tim

Latest Title: A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that the Secretary of Veterans Affairs should recognize board certifications from the American Association of Physician Specialists, Inc., for purposes of the payment of special pay by the Veterans Health Administration.

Latest Major Action: 3/21/2001. Referred to Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

5. S.62

Sponsor: Sen. Inouye, Daniel K.

Latest Title: A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to revise certain provisions relating to the appointment of professional psychologists in the Veterans Health Administration, and for other purposes.

Latest Major Action: 1/22/2001. Referred to Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

6. S.63

Sponsor: Sen. Inouye, Daniel K.

Latest Title: A bill for the relief of Donald C. Pence.

Latest Major Action: 1/22/2001. Referred to Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

7. S.129

Sponsor: Sen. Cleland, Max

Latest Title: A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the payment of a monthly stipend to the surviving parents (known as "Gold Star Parents") of members of the Armed Forces who die during a period of war.

Latest Major Action: 1/22/2001. Referred to Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

8. S.131

Sponsor: Sen. Johnson, Tim

Latest Title: A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to modify the annual determination of the rate of the basic benefit of active duty educational assistance under the Montgomery GI Bill, and for other purposes.

Latest Major Action: 1/22/2001. Referred to Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

9. S.228

Sponsor: Sen. Akaka, Daniel K.

Latest Title: A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to make permanent the Native American veterans housing loan program, and for other purposes.

Latest Major Action: 1/31/2001. Referred to Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

10. S. 390

Sponsor: Sen Inouye, Daniel K.

Latest Title: A bill for the relief of Jim K. Yoshida.

Latest Major Action: 2/26/2001. Referred to Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

11. S. 405

Sponsor: Sen Torricelli, Robert G.

Latest Title: A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve outreach programs carried out by the Department of Veterans Affairs to provide for more fully informing veterans of benefits available to them under laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

Latest Major Action: 2/27/2001. Referred to Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

12. S. 409

Sponsor: Sen Hutchison, Kay Bailey

Latest Title: A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify the standards for compensation for Persian Gulf veterans suffering from certain undiagnosed illnesses, and for other purposes.

Latest Major Action: 2/28/2001. Referred to Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

13. S. 456

Sponsor: Sen Snowe, Olympia J.

Latest Title: A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to enhance the assurance of efficiency, quality, and patient satisfaction in the furnishing of health care to veterans by the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

Latest Major Action: 3/5/2001. Referred to Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

14. S. 457

Sponsor: Sen Snowe, Olympia J.

Latest Title: A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish a presumption of service-connection for certain veterans with Hepatitis C, and for other purposes.

Latest Major Action: 3/5/2001. Referred to Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

15. S. 546

Sponsor: Sen Warner, John W.

Latest Title: A bill to expand the applicability of the increase in the automatic maximum amount of Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance scheduled to take effect on April 1, 2001, to the deaths of certain members of the uniformed services who die before that date.

Latest Major Action: 3/15/2001. Referred to Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

16. S. 564

Sponsor: Sen Rockefeller IV, John D.

Latest Title: A bill to amend section 1713 of title 38, United States Code, to provide continuing eligibility for medical care under that section for individuals who become eligible for hospital insurance benefits under part A of title XVIII of the Social Security Act by turning 65.

Latest Major Action: 3/19/2001. Referred to Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

17. S. 612

Sponsor: Sen Feingold, Russell D.

Latest Title: A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to develop and implement an annual plan for outreach regarding veterans benefits, and for other purposes.

Latest Major Action: 3/26/2001. Referred to Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

18. S. 662

Sponsor: Sen Dodd, Christopher J.

Latest Title: A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to furnish headstones or markers for marked graves of, or to otherwise commemorate, certain individuals.

Latest Major Action: 3/29/2001. Referred to Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs

19. S. 739

Sponsor: Sen Wellstone, Paul D.

Latest Title: A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve programs for homeless veterans, and for other purposes.

Latest Major Action: 4/6/2001. Referred to Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

VETERANS-RELATED LEGISLATION INTRODUCED IN THE U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

1. H. CON. RES. 20

Sponsor: Rep. Pallone, Frank, Jr.

Latest Title: Expressing support for the goals of Veterans Educate Today's Students (VETS) Day, and for other purposes.

Latest Major Action: 1/31/2001. Referred to House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

2. H. CON. RES. 86

Sponsor: Rep Baca, Joe

Latest Title: Encouraging greater recognition of Memorial Day and Veterans Day.

Latest Major Action: 3/27/2001. Referred to House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

3. H. RES. 29

Sponsor: Rep Baldacci, John Elias

Latest Title: Relating to the treatment of veterans with Alzheimer's disease.

Latest Major Action: 2/6/2001. Referred to House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

4. H. RES. 75

Sponsor: Rep Scarborough, Joe

Latest Title: Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the Secretary of Veterans Affairs should recognize board certifications from the American Association of Physician Specialists, Inc., for purposes of employment of physicians by the Veterans Health Administration.

Latest Major Action: 3/1/2001. Referred to House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

5. H.R. 65

Sponsor: Rep. Bilirakis, Michael

Latest Title: To amend title 10, United States Code, to permit retired members of the Armed Forces who have a service-connected disability to receive a portion of their military retired pay concurrently with veterans' disability compensation.

Latest Major Action: 1/3/2001. Referred to House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

6. H.R. 134

Sponsor: Rep. Mink, Patsy T.

Latest Title: To amend title 38, United States Code, to revise the eligibility criteria for presumption of service-connection of certain diseases and disabilities for veterans exposed to ionizing radiation during military service.

Latest Major Action: 1/3/2001. Referred to House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

7. H.R. 234

Sponsor: Rep. Ortiz, Solomon P.

Latest Title: To provide for the establishment of a new Department of Veterans Affairs medical facility for veterans in south Texas.

Latest Major Action: 1/6/2001. Referred to House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

8. H.R. 290

Sponsor: Rep. Mink, Patsy T.

Latest Title: To amend title 38, United States Code, to revise the effective date for an award of disability compensation by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs under section 1151 of such title for persons disabled by treatment or vocational rehabilitation.

Latest Major Action: 1/30/2001. Referred to House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

9. H.R. 303

Sponsor: Rep. Bilirakis, Michael

Latest Title: To amend title 10, United States Code, to permit retired members of the Armed Forces who have a service-connected disability to receive both military retired pay by reason of their years of military service and disability compensation from the Department of Veterans Affairs for their disability.

Latest Major Action: 1/30/2001. Referred to House Committee on Armed Services and House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

10. H.R. 320

Sponsor: Rep. Evans, Lane

Latest Title: To amend title 38, United States Code, to improve benefits under the Montgomery GI Bill by establishing an enhanced educational assistance program, by increasing the amount of basic educational assistance, by repealing the requirement for reduction in pay for participation in the program, by authorizing the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to make accelerated payments of basic educational assistance, and for other purposes.

Latest Major Action: 1/31/2001. Referred to House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

11. H.R. 336

Sponsor: Rep. Doyle, Michael F.

Latest Title: To amend title 38, United States Code, to enhance outreach programs carried out by the Department of Veterans Affairs to provide for more fully informing eligible surviving spouses and dependents of deceased veterans of benefits available to them under laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs and to improve assistance provided at local levels by providing for staff with specific responsibilities to assist those individuals in obtaining benefits under those laws.

Latest Major Action: 1/31/2001. Referred to House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

12. H. R. 435

Sponsor: Rep Duncan, John J., Jr.

Latest Title: To amend title 38, United States Code, to improve access to medical services for veterans seeking treatment at Department of Veterans Affairs outpatient clinics with exceptionally long waiting periods.

Latest Major Action: 2/6/2001. Referred to House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

13. H. R. 441

Sponsor: Rep Filner, Bob

Latest Title: To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a national cemetery for veterans in the San Diego, California, metropolitan area.

Latest Major Action: 2/6/2001 Referred to House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

14. H. R. 442

Sponsor: Rep Filner, Bob

Latest Title: To amend title 38, United States Code, to increase the maximum amount of a home loan guarantee available to a veteran.

Latest Major Action: 2/6/2001. Referred to House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

15. H. R. 491

Sponsor: Rep Gilman, Benjamin A.

Latest Title: To amend title 38, United States Code, to deem certain service in the organized military forces of the Government of the Commonwealth of the Philippines and the Philippine Scouts to have been active service for purposes of benefits under programs administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

Latest Major Action: 2/7/2001. Referred to House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

16. H. R. 511

Sponsor: Rep Pascrell, Bill, Jr.

Latest Title: To amend title 38, United States Code, to improve outreach programs carried out by the Department of Veterans Affairs to provide for more fully informing veterans of benefits available to them under laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

Latest Major Action: 2/7/2001. Referred to House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

17. H. R. 514

Sponsor: Rep Peterson, Collin C.

Latest Title: To amend title 38, United States Code, to provide a presumption of service connection for certain specified diseases and disabilities in the case of veterans who were exposed during military service to carbon tetrachloride.

Latest Major Action: 2/7/2001. Referred to House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

18. H. R. 545

Sponsor: Rep Mink, Patsy T.

Latest Title: To amend title 38, United States Code, to revise the effective date for certain awards of dependency and indemnity compensation made by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to survivors of veterans who died during the Vietnam era or later, and for other purposes.

Latest Major Action: 2/8/2001. Referred to House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

19. H. R. 550

Sponsor: Rep Stupak, Bart

Latest Title: To name the Department of Veterans Affairs medical facility in Iron Mountain, Michigan, as the "Oscar G. Johnson Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Facility".

Latest Major Action: 2/8/2001. Referred to House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

20. H. R. 551

Sponsor: Rep Stupak, Bart

Latest Title: To amend title 38, United States Code, to provide that the rate of reimbursement for motor vehicle travel under the beneficiary travel program of the Department of Veterans Affairs shall be the same as the rate for private vehicle reimbursement for Federal employees.

Latest Major Action: 2/8/2001. Referred to House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

21. H. R. 609

Sponsor: Rep Evans, Lane

Latest Title: A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to provide limited authority for concurrent receipt of military retired pay and veterans' disability compensation in the case of certain disabled military retirees who are over the age of 65.

Latest Major Action: 2/14/2001. Referred to House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

22. H. R. 612

Sponsor: Rep Manzullo, Donald A.

Latest Title: To amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify the standards for compensation for Persian Gulf veterans suffering from certain undiagnosed illnesses, and for other purposes.

Latest Major Action: 2/14/2001. Referred to House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

23. H. R. 639

Sponsor: Rep Frelinghuysen, Rodney P.

Latest Title: To amend title 38, United States Code, to establish a comprehensive program for testing and treatment of veterans for the Hepatitis C virus.

Latest Major Action: 2/14/2001. Referred to House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

24. H. R. 763

Sponsor: Rep Stupak, Bart

Latest Title: To name the Department of Veterans Affairs outpatient clinic located in Menominee, Michigan, as the "Fred W. Matz Department of Veterans Affairs Outpatient Clinic".

Latest Major Action: 2/27/2001. Referred to House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

25. H. R. 764

Sponsor: Rep Stupak, Bart

Latest Title: To amend title 38, United States Code, to provide a presumption of service connection for injuries classified as cold weather injuries which occur in veterans who while engaged in military operations had sustained exposure to cold weather.

Latest Major Action: 2/27/2001. Referred to House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

26. H.R. 801

Sponsor: Rep Smith, Christopher H.

Latest Title: To amend title 38, United States Code, to improve programs of educational assistance, to expand programs of transition assistance and outreach to departing servicemembers, veterans, and dependents, to increase burial benefits, to provide for family coverage under Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance, and for other purposes.

Latest Major Action: 3/28/2001. Referred to Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

27. H.R. 811

Sponsor: Rep Smith, Christopher H.

Latest Title: To authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out construction projects for the purpose of improving, renovating, and updating patient care facilities at Department of Veterans Affairs medical centers.

Latest Major Action: 3/28/2001. Referred to Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

28. H. R. 842

Sponsor: Rep Reynolds, Thomas M.

Latest Title: To convey certain property at the Canandaigua Veterans Administration Medical Center in Canandaigua, New York, to the Canandaigua City School District.

Latest Major Action: 3/1/2001. Referred to House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

29. H. R. 843

Sponsor: Rep Reynolds, Thomas M.

Latest Title: To amend title 38, United States Code, to allow the sworn affidavit of a veteran who served in combat during the Korean War or an earlier conflict to be accepted as proof of service-connection of a disease or injury alleged to have been incurred or aggravated by such service.

Latest Major Action: 3/1/2001. Referred to House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

30. H.R. 862

Sponsor: Rep Evans, Lane

Latest Title: To amend title 38, United States Code, to add Diabetes Mellitus (Type 2) to the list of diseases presumed to be service-connected for veterans exposed to certain herbicide agents.

Latest Major Action: 3/6/2001. Referred to House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

31. H.R. 879

Sponsor: Rep Frank, Barney

Latest Title: To restore veterans tobacco-related illness benefits as in effect before the enactment of the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century.

Latest Major Action: 3/6/2001. Referred to House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

32. H.R. 890

Sponsor: Rep Mink, Patsy T.

Latest Title: To amend title 38, United States Code, to exempt amounts owed for prescription drugs and medical supplies dispensed by Department of Veterans Affairs pharmacies from otherwise applicable interest charges and administrative cost charges imposed on indebtedness to the United States resulting from the provision of medical care or services by the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Latest Major Action: 3/6/2001. Referred to House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

33. H.R. 936

Sponsor: Rep Evans, Lane

Latest Title: To amend title 38, United States Code, to improve programs for homeless veterans, and for other purposes.

Latest Major Action: 3/8/2001. Referred to House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

34. H.R. 1015

Sponsor: Rep Davis, Jo Ann

Latest Title: To provide for an increase in the amount of Servicemember's Group Life Insurance paid to survivors of members of the Armed Forces who died in the performance of duty between November 1, 2000, and April 1, 2001.

Latest Major Action: 3/14/2001. Referred to House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

35. H.R. 1108

Sponsor: Rep Bilirakis, Michael

Latest Title: To amend title 38, United States Code, to provide that remarriage of the surviving spouse of a veteran after age 55 shall not result in termination of dependency and indemnity compensation.

Latest Major Action: 3/20/2001. Referred to House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

36. H.R. 1136

Sponsor: Rep Wicker, Roger F.

Latest Title: To amend title 38, United States Code, to require Department of Veterans Affairs pharmacies to dispense medications to veterans for prescriptions written by private practitioners, and for other purposes.

Latest Major Action: 3/20/2001. Referred to House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

37. H.R. 1205

Sponsor: Rep Stearns, Cliff

Latest Title: To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a national cemetery for veterans in the Jacksonville, Florida, metropolitan area.

Latest Major Action: 3/22/2001. Referred to House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

38. H.R. 1237

Sponsor: Rep Hoeffel, Joseph M.

Latest Title: To designate certain lands in the Valley Forge National Historical Park as the Valley Forge National Cemetery.

Latest Major Action: 4/2/2001. House Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Referred to subcommittee.

39. H.R. 1270

Sponsor: Rep DeFazio, Peter A.

Latest Title: To increase accountability for Government spending and to reduce wasteful Government spending.

Latest Major Action: 3/28/2001. Referred to House Committee on Veterans' Affairs; House Committee on Armed Services; House Committee on Financial Services; House Committee on International Relations; House Committee on Energy and Commerce; House Committee on Resources; House Committee on Science; House Committee on Ways and Means; House Select Committee on Intelligence

40. H.R. 1280

Sponsor: Rep Shows, Ronnie

Latest Title: To amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the annual determination of the rate of the basic benefit of active duty educational assistance under the Montgomery GI Bill, and for other purposes.

Latest Major Action: 3/28/2001. Referred to House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

41. H.R. 1291

Sponsor: Rep Smith, Christopher H.

Latest Title: To amend title 38, United States Code, to increase the amount of educational benefits for veterans under the Montgomery GI Bill.

Latest Major Action: 3/29/2001. Referred to House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

42. H.R. 1351

Sponsor: Rep Johnson, Nancy L.

Latest Title: To amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for Government furnished headstones or markers for the marked graves of veterans.

Latest Major Action: 4/3/2001. Referred to House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

43. H.R. 1377

Sponsor: Rep Thornberry, William (Mac)

Latest Title: To ensure that military personnel do not lose the right to cast votes in elections in their domicile as a result of their service away from the domicile, to amend the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act to extend the voter registration and absentee ballot protections for absent uniformed services personnel under such Act to State and local elections, and for other purposes.

Latest Major Action: 4/3/2001. Referred to House Committee on Veterans' Affairs; House Committee on Armed Services; House Committee on Administration; House Committee on Judiciary.

44. H.R. 1406

Sponsor: Rep Evans, Lane

Latest Title: To amend title 38, United States Code, to improve presumptive compensation benefits for veterans with ill-defined illnesses resulting from the Persian Gulf War, and for other purposes.

Latest Major Action: 4/4/2001. Referred to House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

45. H.R. 1435

Sponsor: Rep Capps, Lois

Latest Title: To authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to award grants to provide for a national toll-free hotline to provide information and assistance to veterans.

Latest Major Action: 4/4/2001. Referred to House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

46. H.R. 1450

Sponsor: Rep Foley, Mark

Latest Title: To direct the Department of Veterans Affairs to establish a new veterans benefits office in the State of Florida, and for other purposes.

Latest Major Action: 4/4/2001. Referred to House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

47. H.R. 1469

Sponsor: Rep John, Christopher

Latest Title: To amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for grants to repair veterans memorials.

Latest Major Action: 4/4/2001. Referred to House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

48. H.R. 1482

Sponsor: Rep Langevin, James R.

Latest Title: To establish a grant program administered by the Federal Election Commission for the purpose of assisting States to upgrade voting systems to use more advanced and accurate voting devices and to enhance participation by military personnel in national elections.

Latest Major Action: 4/4/2001. Referred to House Committee on Veterans' Affairs;
House Committee on Administration.